

DIVERGENT VIEWS
ON A CHINESE PLAY.

Quong Nic Yang Swore That
Some Things in It Were
Very Bad Indeed.

Chu Fong Averred That the Great-
ness of Heaven Presented Only
Moral Dramas

MERCURY-WINGED POLICE IN CHINA

Incidentally, Important Mongolian History
Was Brought Out at the Trial of
the Doyers Street Theatre
Management Yesterday.

The court room of Part IV., General Ses-
sions, yesterday resembled the appearance
of a Chinese costume's just before the cele-
bration of a great fete. The case on trial
was that of Chu Fong, managing director
and president of the Chinese Concert Com-
pany, of New York, which gives theatrical
performances by Chinese actors at a theatre
in Doyers street. He is charged with violat-
ing the Sunday laws.

Wongs, Chings, Fows, Tops, Lees and
other Mongolian families were present in
force when Judge Fitzgerald opened court,
as well as a great crowd of Canadians,
who were attracted by the announcement
of the counsel to swear the witnesses on
the blood of a chicken. Just before pro-
ceedings opened, this sacred form of making
a Chinaman tell the truth was abandoned
and the disciples of Confucius, as well as
their Christian brothers, were required only
to kiss the Bible.

The charge against Chu Fong was that on
the night of Sunday, July 14, 1895, he gave
a dramatic performance at the Po Yo Hen,
or, in English, "Greatness of Heaven"
Theatre, contrary to law. In defence, Ed-
win Leavitt, his attorney, sought to prove
that religion was the dominant theme of
the Chinese play.

After Detective Downing had testified to
an opinion that the performance of "Sen
Ching Den Ging," as witnessed by him, was
thoroughly theatrical and against the Sun-
day laws, Assistant District Attorney Weeks
offered in evidence a translation of the pro-
gramme, the correctness of which was at-
tested by United States Chinese Inspector
J. Thomas Scharf. This translation gave
all the numbers in language more racy than
elegant.

Dr. Charles Thoms, of Brooklyn, testified
that indicative conclusions could be drawn
from the adventures of the scholar-hero,
Quong Nic Yang, endorsed the views of his
medical friend, and after he had amused
court and jury by his jump-up-and-down
routines of the lovers he saw in the play,

started Judge Fitzgerald by saying:
"Yes, I see something behind velly bad,
velly bad."
"What is it?" asked Mr. Weeks sharply.
"I no like tell; velly much love; not
much writing essay by scholar; he love
eat."
"Kind of high degree love, eh?"



SOME COMMENTS ON YESTERDAY'S WET AND WINDY WEATHER BY A FEW LEADING CITIZENS.

T. C. Platt,
"Where 'm I at?"

Colonel Fellows,
"Rain's bill bellovs."

Dittenhoefer,
"Clients suffer."

Coroner Hoerber,
"Hope Howe's sober."

Mayor Strong,
"Rain's is Wrong."

Judge Smyth,
"Made to order for The Recorder."

"Yes, velly first kind, just like A. one
number letter—that this kind." Yang
admitted that when the police of
San Francisco found themselves unable to
obtain evidence against gamblers he en-
tered into the employ of Chief Crowley, of
that city, and upon the results of his work
all houses remained closed for over two
years. For this, he asserted, the Six Com-
panies set a price of \$1,500 on his head.
Yang claims to be an Educated Baptist,
but is permitted by his employer to help
the police whenever they call on him.

WHEN CHU WAS YOUNG.

The first witness for the defence, Chu
Fong, characterized the play as "a good
lesson to distinguish good from bad." He
claimed that his theatre was intended as a
place for "recreation, amusement and in-
struction," conducted for charitable and
not mercenary purposes. Before Assistant
District Attorney Weeks would let Chu
Fong retire, he drew from him an acknowl-
edgment that he had been sent to the El-
mira Reformatory in 1889 for alleged
forgery of notes. Chu Fong took this
charge, stonily, merely saying, "I was
young."

Ex-Vice Consul to Amor W. E. S. Fales
testified that the costumes worn at the
theatre were to be seen on all occasions in
China. Pointing to an odd-shaped hat, Mr.
Weeks asked the next witness, Yong Fow
Lee, a highly educated Chinaman: "Do
you mean to tell me that a police judge in
your country wears a thing like that?"
"Oh, yes," came the answer; "the wings
are those of Mercury, and it means justice
flies."

"Then you have gods and police in
China?"
"Oh, yes, one thousand and one, but no
police gose will be concluded to-day."

STORM ALONG THE COAST.

Hurricane Signals Displayed Here Yes-
terday Afternoon—Colder
Weather To-day.

Warning signals displayed by order of
the Chief of the Weather Bureau yester-
day prevented a number of vessels from
leaving this port. The Potomac, for Lon-
don; the Pocahontas, for Liverpool, and
the Martello, for Hull, sailed in the morn-
ing, but no vessels cleared in the after-
noon. "The storm," said Observer Dunn,
"is a formidable one. It extends all over
the country east of the Mississippi River.
This morning it centred in West Virginia,
but now, at 6 p. m., we are in about the
centre, Chief Moore, of the Weather Bu-
reau, notified me at 4 o'clock to hoist
hurricane signals, as there was a storm
along the coast. The velocity of the gale
has reached as much as seventy miles an
hour. Right here at 3 o'clock the wind
was scurrying along at the rate of sixty-
six miles. All the country to the south of
the lake regions and south of the New
England States has had rain. The fall of
rain has been generally heavy, although
it has only reached half an inch here. It
will be colder to-morrow."

The pouring rain which accompanied the
wind yesterday was a big aid to the Street
Cleaning Department. Instead of having
to cart off the thousands of snow heaps that
had been erected by snow shovellers all
over town, the laborers simply scattered
them and let the rain do the rest.

THE PACIFIC ROADS DEBT.

E. Ellery Anderson Discusses Two
Plans for the Adjustment
of the Same.

Either One, He Thinks, Is Entitled to
Favorable Consideration by
Congress.

REORGANIZATION OF U. P. DESIRABLE.

One of the Two Propositions Calls for the
Appointment of a Commission with
Power to Determine the
Value of Claims.

E. Ellery Anderson, one of the receivers
of the Union Pacific Railroad, when seen
yesterday in regard to the prospects of
the Pacific railroads and the legislation
pending at Washington in relation to them,
said:

"It is my opinion that a successful re-
organization of the Union Pacific Railway
Company would be a benefit both to the

company and to those interested in its se-
curities, as well as to the communities
which this railroad serves. No such reor-
ganization can be successfully made until
an adjustment is reached between the Gov-
ernment and the railroad property which
is subject to its lien. There are now pend-
ing in Washington a number of proposi-
tions for the adjustment of the Govern-
ment's claim, two of which I think are en-
titled to favorable consideration.

"I am informed that the representatives
of the Central Pacific Railway Company
have suggested the following terms of set-
tlement: If the Government will apply the
amount of Central Pacific securities now
held in the sinking fund—which amount
is about \$8,000,000—to the redemption of
the principal of currency 6's which have
matured or are about to mature, the Cen-
tral Pacific will undertake to pay at ma-
turity all the remaining currency 6's, the
amount of which is \$21,000,000. In this
way the entire principal of the debt of the
Central Pacific would be paid. That
company, as I am informed, proposes to set-
tle the unpaid interest, amounting to about
\$55,000,000, by giving to the Government
second mortgage bonds to run for fifty
years, bearing 2 per cent interest per an-
num.

REDEMPTION OF THE DEBT.

"This basis of settlement applied to the
Union Pacific Railway Company would re-

sult in the application of \$15,000,000 now
held in the sinking fund to the currency
6's and the payment by the representatives
of that company of \$10,000,000 to complete
the redemption of the principal of the debt
to the United States. This would leave the
unpaid interest due to the United States,
amounting to about \$85,000,000, to be se-
cured by second mortgage bonds, to run
for fifty years, bearing interest at 2 per
cent per annum. The fixed charges of the
Union Pacific Railway, if this settlement
were made, would amount (including say
\$800,000 to represent the 2 per cent to be
paid on the second mortgage bonds repre-
senting interest unpaid) to \$3,800,000. It is
my opinion that this proposition should be
accepted by the United States. I think the
amounts agreed to be paid are more than
could be collected by hostile proceedings.
On the other hand, I think they are fairly
within the earning power of the railroad
properties.

"The other proposition pending in Con-
gress is for the appointment of a commis-
sion with power to determine the value of
the claims of the United States against the
railroads, such determination to be sub-
ject to the approval of the President of the
United States, and after such value shall
have been ascertained, to accept the amount
so determined in full satisfaction of the
claim. The commission bill further pro-
vides that if any bond-aided road to which
an offer of settlement shall be extended by
the commission shall neglect or refuse to
pay the amount so fixed on or before the
1st of January, 1897, then the liens of the
United States shall be foreclosed and the
property subject to the lien sold to the
highest bidder.

"If Congress should not deem it desirable
to accept the first proposition above re-
ferred to, I think the proposed commis-
sion bill should pass."

RICHARDS CUT INTO BITS.

Rich Colored Janitor's Wife
Identified His Remains by
the Rings He Wore.

Ground to Pieces on the Suburban
Elevated Road, but No One Was
Held Responsible.

MANNER OF HIS KILLING A MYSTERY.

He Was on His Way Home and Probably
Fell from the Station—Saved a For-
tune as Janitor of the Judge
Building.

No one knows how Lawrence Richards
came to fall from the platform of the One
Hundred and Forty-third street station of
the Suburban Elevated road, at about 1
o'clock yesterday morning. The platform
is badly lighted and after midnight few
people are found there, so it is not remark-
able that his fall was unobserved.

The engineer and fireman of the train
that left One Hundred and Twenty-ninth
street at 12:45 felt a slight shock as they
drew into the One Hundred and Forty-
third street station, some minutes late.
It was such a jar as would have been
caused by striking the body of a man on
the track. The train didn't stop, however,
until the prescribed position was reached.
The conductor, Charles Schlumboh, with
the guards, went back to see what they
had run over.

At about ten feet south of the platform
they saw, by the lantern light, the snow
all-spattered with blood. Just beyond were
found parts of the body of a negro. The
wheels of the train had ground the body
to pieces and scattered them over the
track. Sergeant Titus, of the Morrisania
Station, was summoned and had the re-
mains taken to the station house.

He made a careful investigation of the
affair and then arrested Engineer Johnson,
thirty-five years old, of College Point, L.
I., and Fireman George Baehler, twenty-
four years old, of No. 2490 Eighth avenue.
To avoid a blockade of traffic Sergeant
Titus and Policeman Cannon rode on the
train to the One Hundred and Seventy-
seventh street terminus, and after a new
crew had been put on the train, took the
prisoners to the station house.

In the Morrisania Court yesterday morn-
ing Johnson told Magistrate Mott that he
was at the lever when the train reached
the station, but that he neither saw Rich-
ards nor knew of his presence on the track
until he felt the jar of the engine as it
passed over the body. Even then he
said, he did not know what had caused it
until Conductor Schlumboh found the body.

The dead man was janitor and caretaker
of the Judge building in Fifth avenue, and
was worth a small fortune. He had \$1,000
in checks on his person when killed.
Magistrate Mott questioned the trainmen
very closely regarding all the details of the
tragedy. As there was nothing developed
that could in any way make them re-
sponsible for the man's death they were
discharged.

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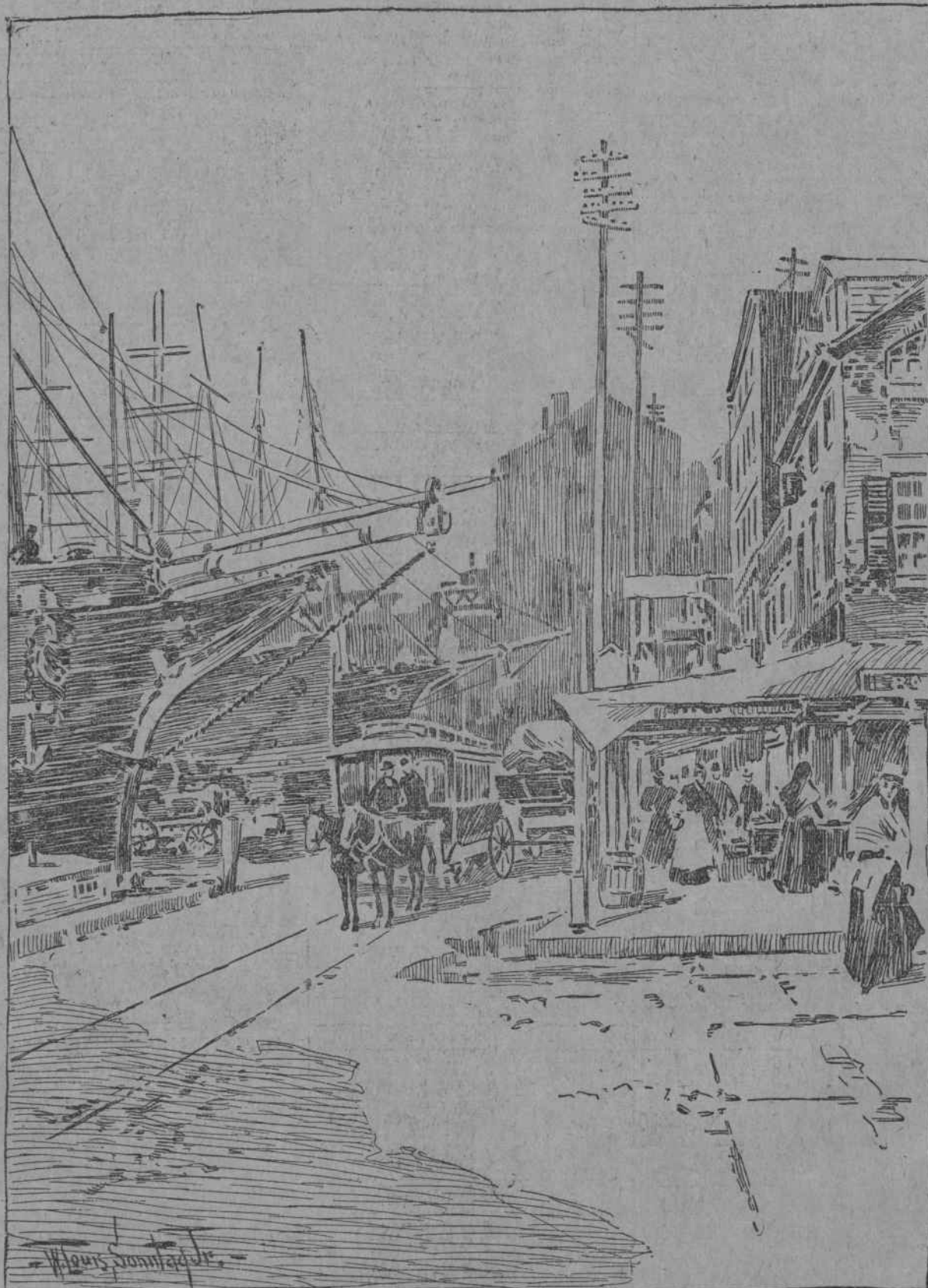
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3 A Shocking
Discovery About
Woman's Beauty.

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Lift 30,000,000
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N A Week in the
Midst of the
Dismal Swamp.

T A Page for the
Bicycle Girl of
'96 to Study.



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By W. LOUIS SONNTAG, Jr.

A Scientist Finds
That Cats Have
a Language.

A Marvellous
Surgical
Operation.

How to Express
Every Emotion
with Your Eyes.

The Prettiest
Debutantes in
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